

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as it appears on the front page of the published PCT Application WO 2004/004259 as set forth below:

Abstract

A communication node including drivers ~~(5, 6)~~ for applying a switched signal to a communication line ~~(3, 4)~~, such as a CAN bus or a LIN bus, with a controlled slew rate. The driver ~~(5, 6)~~ comprises a series of transfer elements ~~(18, 20)~~ and a series of delay elements ~~(17, 19)~~ for cumulatively establishing operational connections of the transfer elements with the communication line, whereby to apply the switched signal progressively to the communication line. A feedback loop ~~(25, 26)~~ is responsive to the signal that the driver ~~(5, 6)~~ applies to the communication line ~~(3, 4)~~ for controlling the delays of the delay elements ~~(23, 24)~~, so as to control the delays with which the operational connections of the transfer elements ~~(18, 20)~~ with the communication line are established.